

HB 1864 -- PONY EXPRESS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: Johnson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill allows a person to obtain a Pony Express special license plate for any vehicle except an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle in excess of 18,000 pounds gross weight.

To obtain the plate, a person must pay a \$25 emblem-use contribution to the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, submit an application to the Director of the Department of Revenue accompanied by an emblem-use authorization statement, and pay an additional \$25 fee. Any person who was previously issued a Pony Express plate and who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration will be issued a new plate which does not bear the museum's emblem.

Prior to the issuance of the specialty plate, a list of at least 200 potential applicants for the plate, the proposed design of the plate, and an application fee not to exceed \$5,000 must be submitted to the department.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Pony Express is a historically significant part of Missouri and American history and deserves this special recognition.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Johnson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that it will increase tourism.

Testifying on the bill was Division of Tourism, Department of Economic Development.